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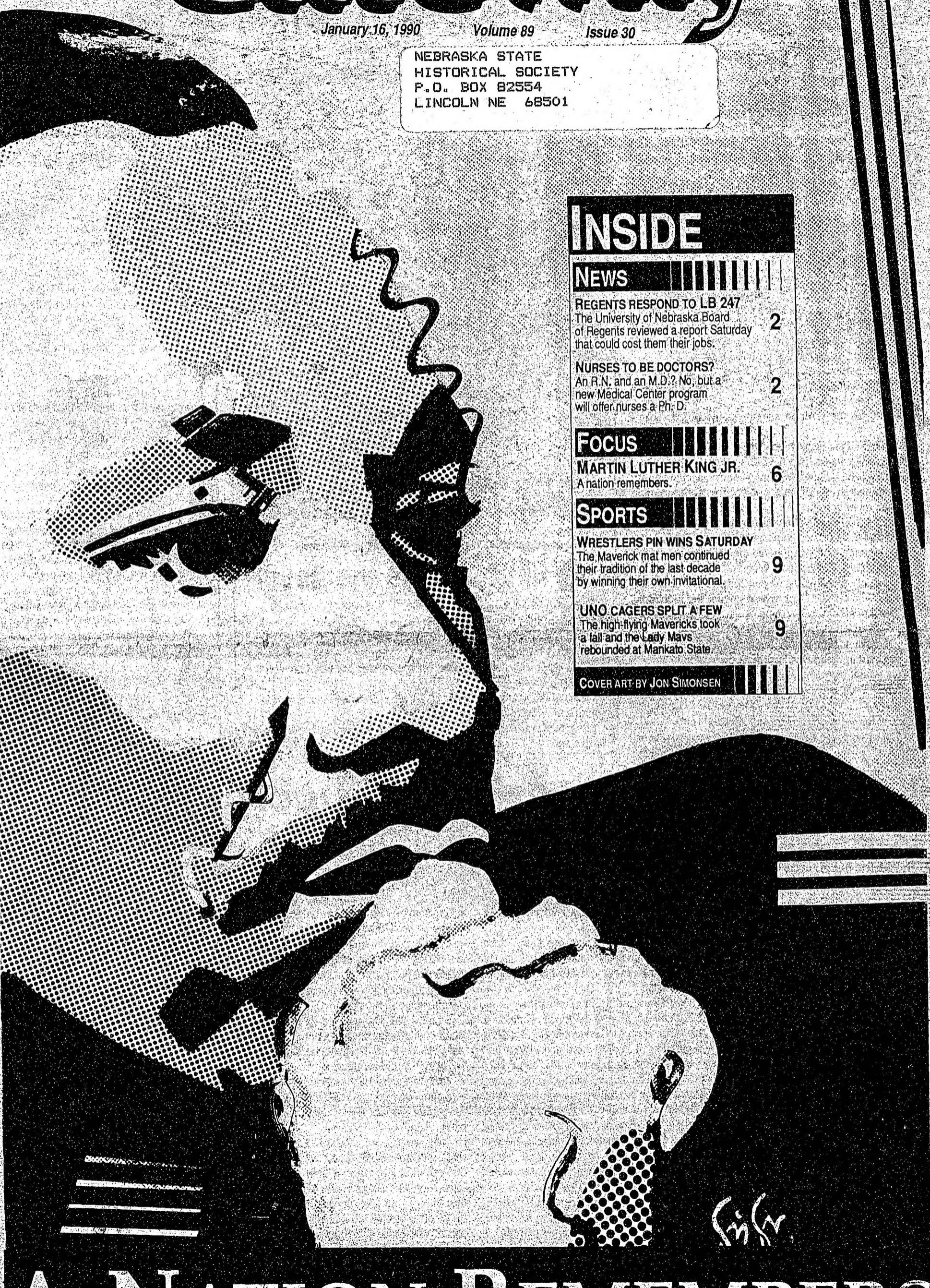
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Regents recommend changes in LB 247

'It seems we have the cart before the horse'

BY PATRICK RUNGE

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents recommended additions to the proposed restructuring of post-secondary education in Nebraska during Saturday's meeting.

Legislative Bill 247 calls for the combination of Nebraska's universities and state colleges to form a statewide collegiate system.

Under the bill, each university and state college would have its own governing board. A proposed "superboard" would serve to coordinate the seven universities and state colleges.

The regents recommended a role and mission for the proposed boards should be drafted before any new governing bodies are created.

"It seems we have the cart before the horse," Regent Chairman Don Blank said. "Governance is being considered and voted on before we have a role and mission for what we are voting on."

Blank said the regents needed to state a position before LB 247 is introduced to the Legislature Wednesday.

"We have a responsibility to say how we feel as a Board of Regents," Blank said. "When that bill (LB 247) comes out on Wednesday, we need to be ready."

According to the position statement, the board recommends:

- Including all public, post-secondary institutions, including community colleges, into the NU system.
- Giving a central board budgetary control, accountability of chief administrative officers, the power to establish role and mission and monitor policy.
- Making the governing boards accountable to the people by comprising them of elected positions.

The board unanimously approved the position statement.

The original LB 247 report recommended a board of regents with only coordinating responsibilities. Seven trustee boards would be created, each would govern the individual institutions.

Regent Nancy Hoch said a strong central board is needed to prevent fragmentation of the campuses.

"Without strong central leadership, a power vacuum would be created which would create a political end run from the Legislature," Hoch said.

"If you don't have a board with some 'teeth,'" Hoch said, "then you will toss the ball to the Legislature and get the same

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—DAVE WEAVER

Regent Don Blank takes the chairman's seat during Saturday's meeting.

It's time to pass the gavel

Don Blank was selected Saturday to succeed Nancy Hoch as chairman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Blank takes charge of a board that has been surrounded with controversy during the last year.

"It's obviously going to be a challenge, because last year was a challenge," Blank said.

Elected to the board in 1986, Blank also serves as chairman of the Internal Governance subcommittee.

Regent Kermit Hansen was also selected to be the board's vice chairman.

Report draws chancellor's support

BY GREG KOZOL

UNO Chancellor Del Weber gave a thumbs up to Legislative Bill 247 at the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting Saturday.

"I think the report is in the best interest of (Nebraska) higher education," Weber said after the meeting.

The report recommends Nebraska's three state universities and four state colleges consolidate into

one system. Seven boards would govern each individual campus, with one "superboard" of regents coordinating the campuses.

Weber, in a prepared statement to the regents, listed three advantages to LB 247.

● A clear distinction of responsibilities between the proposed board of regents and the seven campus boards.

● Coordination between the state institutions would improve.

● Legislative Bill 247 would involve more people in higher education.



Weber

Under LB 247, a proposed board of regents would handle coordination between campuses, while a board of trustees would govern individual campuses.

The regents said a central board without governing powers would lead to disagreements among campuses.

"The regents put the two together," Weber said. "If you read the report, there is a clear distinction between coordination and governance."

Weber served as an administrator in the Ohio University system, which is similar to the system proposed under LB 247. He said a separation of coordination and governance would provide "harmony within the system."

"The distinction between governance and coordination is a valid and useful one. Splitting the responsibility for these two functions among different trustee boards has worked elsewhere and can work in Nebraska," Weber said.

Coordination between campuses would also improve under LB 247, he said.

Nebraska's higher education currently has "limited coordination," according to Weber.

"What LB 247 proposes is not perfect, but it moves us further than we are now in the direction of coordination," Weber said.

Duplication of programs among campuses and a difficulty in transferring credits throughout the university system helped lead to a push for better campus coordination.

The regents also said eight boards would

become costly and ineffective.

But Weber said the increase in cost would prove worthwhile.

"I am more encouraged than alarmed by having more Nebraskans participate in the governance of higher education. I believe that is good," he said.

The regents recommended the addition of governing powers to the proposed board of regents. That governing control would include budgeting powers and establishing and monitoring policy.

The LB 247 report called for the appointment of some board members by the governor. However, the regents said all board members should be elected.

Weber said he would support the regent's recommendations to LB 247 and emphasized the report benefits higher education for the entire state.

"My remarks were not pro UNO. I hope that's not how it sounded," Weber said. "I don't think it's a matter of what's in the best interest of UNO. It's a matter of what's in the best interest of higher education."

Weber said UNO should continue to prosper, regardless of university structure.

"People are more important than structure," Weber said. "I expect UNO will continue to thrive, irrespective of governance or coordination structure, so long as people of talent, vision, and goodwill are part of the process."

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Financial aid split in two

Students nationwide may receive only half of the financial aid money they expected this month, caught in a surprise because the federal government was late telling campus aid offices what to do.

In turn, aid officials did not have time to warn students that they may get their loans in two rather than one installment.

Because students will get only half of their loan now, some may be required to pay a special fee to defer part of their tuition until the second installment is received.

New rules for financial aid disbursement took effect Jan. 1, but the U.S. Department of Education, which administers most federal college programs, mailed letters explaining the changes to financial aid offices only a week earlier.

The result has been what one observer called a "frenzy" in some financial aid offices across the country.

"The information has been so sporadic that we've had tons of calls asking for help," said Debra Angstadt of the Virginia State Education Assistance Authority.

In an effort to keep students from defaulting on their loans, Congress as the president decided that collegians who get Stafford or Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) would get the money in two or more installments, instead of one lump sum.

The new rule applies only to Stafford or SLS loans guaranteed on or after Jan. 1, 1990.

The installments cannot exceed more than one-half of the loan, and the second installment cannot be paid before one-half of the loan period has passed.

"The whole thing is stupid," said Judy Simmons, financial aid director at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. "I have nothing against trying to lower defaults. It irks me because the students are the ones who get hurt."

Tech grads get the bucks

Computer science graduates can expect tough competition for jobs this year, but those who land positions will get a starting salary 4 to 5 percent higher than last year's graduates in similar fields.

New graduates can expect to start at approximately \$30,000 a year, up from last year's average of \$28,600, said Gerald Reynolds, president of National Computer Associates, a national network of computer recruitment and placement firms.

"There are more openings than there have been in the past, but it's still a competitive field," Reynolds said. "Graduates in the top third of their class will be in high demand."

Although breaking into the field might be tough, there is plenty of opportunity for growth.

"We need people not only to fill the ranks now, but also to take the field to its next plateau," Reynolds said.

"The overall national computer employment outlook in 1990 is for stable, steady, moderately strong hiring across the board," he added.

U.S. forces democratize the isthmus for Christmas

Vacation is boring.

After 16 weeks of the same routine - crawling out of bed, going to school, going to work, going out and crawling into bed - a shake-up like three weeks of not attending classes (legitimately) can really disturb you.

You don't want to read a book or a newspaper, so you turn to society's pabulum: television. Hours speed by as you flip through 40 different channels, looking for something, anything, to grab your attention and hold it.

The most gripping images offered in the last month have been of strife. Revolution, invasion, overthrown governments litter the airwaves. Gun battles in the streets, celebrations on the ramparts. Everything happening so fast you wonder how the cameras managed to catch it all.

Thankfully, classes have resumed. I don't have time for TV, and I gladly spend a few minutes at work catching up on the headlines, editorials and comics. But all that video exposure burned an image on my brain.

So, for your consideration, I offer my "State of Affairs" address. It's my opinion on what I saw, and what I foresee:

Panama: Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" fell to George Bush's "Operation Just Cause" as U.S. forces democratized

the isthmus for Christmas. Despite its unforgiving precedent (someday a Third World nation will invade the United States and "extradite" a big businessman), the President did the right thing. Now all he has to do is get out before Congress makes Panama the 51st state.

Romania: Marx was right: When you have achieved the perfect state of communism, you no longer need a government. Obviously, Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu weren't as aware of

republics, like most of Eastern Europe, are jumping ship. Can the most charismatic man in the Kremlin stem the tide? If he can, more power to him. And if he can't, who knows? Omaha's Lithuanian Bakery may have some imported competition.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents: Not so much on the screen as on the minds of *Gateway* staffers, the board suffered a (self-inflicted) blow to its reputation in 1989. Now the board has to face a few rounds with the Nebraska Legislature. Can new chairman Don Blank turn public opinion around and save the board from further embarrassment while furthering the interests of Nebraska's higher education community? Stay tuned.

The "State of Affairs" of 1990 is a toss up, but it's only January. None of the above is a sure thing, so don't start worrying yet.

Besides, you really have 15 more weeks to think about it. And then, as you swelter in the May heat, sipping an iced tea and staring at your television, you can start watching the news. I'm sure something will happen.

DAVE MANNING COLUMNIST

classical communism as they were of their own special brand. The people, in this case, gave the elite what it deserved. Almost three weeks later, Romanians are still torn over what route to take. For an already economically troubled nation, a delay in restructuring could claim more lives than the revolution.

Soviet Union: Last year's wunderkind, Mikhail Gorbachev, will be 1990's most troubled leader. He has seen the effects of glasnost cleanse the Iron Curtain, and most of the Warsaw Pact have installed mini blinds and opened the windows. The Soviet

Hoch out of hot seat

Blank takes chair

Nancy Hoch finally did the right thing.

The former chairwoman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents said Saturday she no longer desires to lead the board, and she declined her nomination by Regent Kermit Hansen to be considered with the other chair candidates.

Not a surprising move for the regent who has probably received the most criticism in the past six months. Hoch has sat in the hot seat through one of the regents' most controversial years. And poor Nancy has had to cope with a lot of scrutiny, speculation and no-holds-barred regent bashing.

But stop the violins now, because this regent doesn't deserve the sympathy. And you can rest assured most state legislators won't be shedding a tear either.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Possibly one of the worst predicaments this university could find itself in would be Hoch representing it to state senators for another year.

And you can't just blame Hoch's own incompetence on that situation. Most legislators simply don't seem to like her. Even if that assessment is wrong, it appears to be accurate.

For this university, the best thing Hoch could say was "no." And she did.

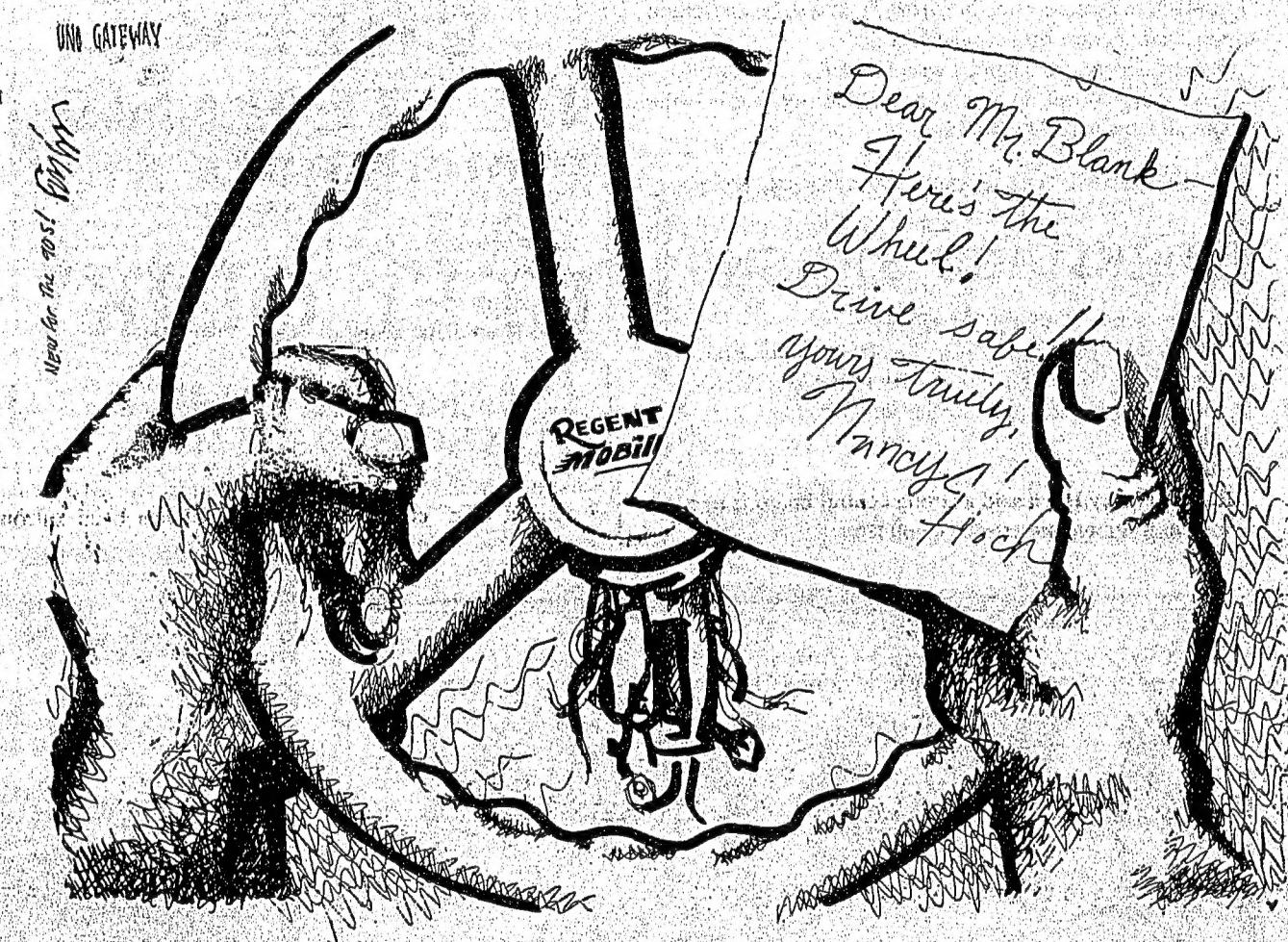
So as Hoch herself always used to say, especially when she kept being bothered with questions about the dismissal of former NU President Ronald Roskens, "It's time to move the university ahead and look forward."

That move, at least for the regent chairmanship, is Don Blank. The dentist from McCook took the gavel from Hoch Saturday, and now he gets the chance to try and soothe an angry Legislature's inflamed molars.

Hopefully, Blank will use the right anesthesia.

In the last few months, Blank has exhibited both competence and organization while heading the board's Internal Governance Committee. If he carries those same qualities over to the chairmanship, Blank may be able to fill in a few cavities Hoch left behind.

With the possible implementation of a new university governing system, the regents face a tough year. With the best leadership, the regents and the university could save a few teeth.



LETTERS

To the Editor:

We have come to a crucial turning point in our efforts at self-government. Will the administration usurp the remaining powers of the Student Senate or will the students make themselves heard in an effort to stop the gradual erosion of the student voice on this campus?

You may ask what difference does it make? What does Student Government do for me? Student Government provides a focus for students to speak through to the administration in order to get their concerns addressed. How can Student Government do this? We can do it by talking with individual students and student organizations.

A resolution for an open forum will be coming before the Student Senate. This resolution would give students an opportunity to meet their senators on a regular basis, and it would allow students to tell their senators about their concerns.

Through this forum, students could discover how much their senators could do for them.

Students should demand accountability from their senators. Students elected the senators and they have the right to expect the senators to represent their viewpoints to the administration. When the senators know what students want, the senate can work to get those things done.

However, the only way all of this can work is if students decide to make it work and make the system work for them. With students' help, Student Government can make UNO a better place and create an atmosphere that is most conducive to education. But, we cannot do this if the administration has removed the means that allows the senate to represent the students.

Michael McLaurin
UNO Student Senator

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Some regents reluctant to continue student vote

Student 'vote' extended one year

They'll be heard, but not counted.

Student members of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents will be allowed to vote on issues for one more year. However, those votes will not count.

During Saturday's meeting, the board voted to continue the student vote another year.

UNO Student President Regent Kelli Sears said the student vote will provide some accountability to her office.

"This will help the students know how we (the student regents) stand on the issues," Sears said.

The student vote was originally intended to provide that accountability.

The board granted the student regents a vote for a one-year trial period in January 1989.

Sears said University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student President Regent Brian Hill thought Regent Kermit Hansen would introduce a motion not to continue the student vote.

However, when Hansen did not put that motion on the addenda, Hill introduced an emergency motion to continue the trial period one more year.

Some regents were reluctant to continue the student vote. They said low voter turnout in student government elections indicates the student regents do not accurately represent the student body.

"There has been a question of voter turnout," Hansen said. "I think there is more value in saying there will be an item in which student concerns are presented."

Regent Nancy Hoch agreed with Hansen.

"I support student opinion as accountability, but it is the input that we want," Hoch said.

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Regents alter bond policy

The Board of Regents instituted a policy that would allow more than one firm to handle the university's bond underwriting services.

FirsTier Bank of Lincoln currently performs the majority of those services including the structuring and sale of bonds.

Regent Nancy Hoch said the new policy does not reflect the FirsTier's performance as the university's underwriter.

"This in no way casts aspersions of the quality we've received from FirsTier," Hoch said.

Under the new policy, 60 to 80 percent of projects ranging from \$3 million to \$7 million would go to FirsTier.

Interim NU president Martin Massengale, who serves on the board of FirsTier's parent company, has declared a conflict of interest and will not be involved in business between the university and FirsTier.

Massengale delegates duties

Martin Massengale, interim NU president, has divided his responsibilities as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln among other administrators.

The regents asked Massengale to temporarily appoint administrators to handle his chancellor duties in order to devote more of his efforts to central administration.

The board appointed Massengale interim president when it removed Ronald Roskens from the office last summer.

Some of the temporary assignments include:

• John Goebel, vice chancellor for business at UNL will oversee general programs, athletics and serve as the schools spokesman.

• Robert Furgason, vice chancellor for academic affairs, will oversee the university's television station, academic computing and ROTC.

• James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, will oversee the university's ombudsmen.

• John Yost, vice chancellor for research, will oversee the international programs.

• Herbert Howe, associate to the chancellor, will oversee the Lied Center and the Sheldon Art Gallery.

• Thomas Krepel, assistant to the chancellor, will oversee the alumni association.

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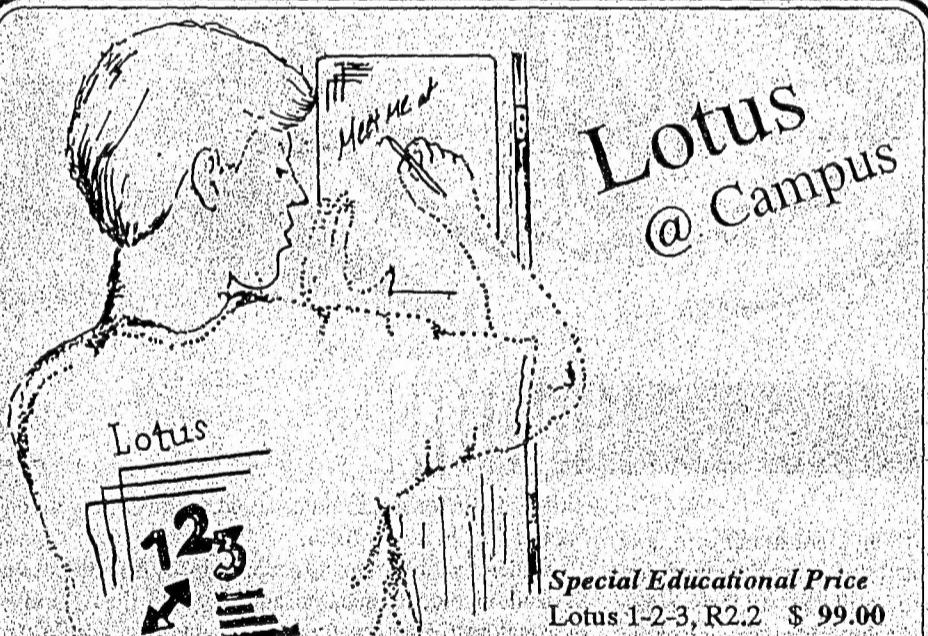
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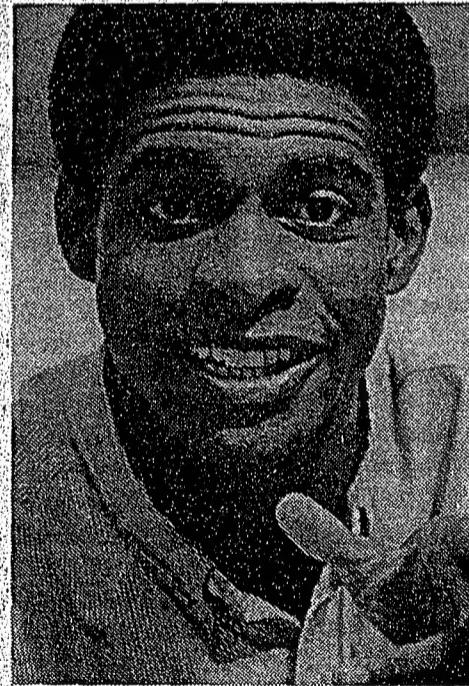
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IN MEMORIAM

King's message still needed in '90s

By REGINALD CHAPMAN

The article contains opinions of the author.

What would Martin Luther King Jr. think now? Examples of racial tension seem to headline the news and occupy the minds of Americans. Today, black people nationwide find themselves wondering if those who gave their lives for civil rights have been forgotten.

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of those who gave his life in pursuit of a dream. A dream that his children "will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

This dream is shared by American people, both black and white. But with the condition of the nation's black youth, will this dream become a reality?

The self-esteem of black youth in urban areas is gone. Colors have become their family, death is their motto. Gang violence has resulted in blacks killing blacks for money, drugs, and territory. Once again, black people are their own worst

enemy.

What would Martin Luther King Jr. think now?

Despite the negativity, the black community must remain optimistic. UNO criminal justice Professor Phillip Secret said black people should realize they are moving in the right direction.

"The number of black elected officials has increased from 1,200 to over 6,000," Secret said. "This can be considered one of the most positive changes that has occurred since the 1960s."

A presidential nominee, a Virginia governor, and a New York mayor signify the black community's growing political influence.

What would Martin Luther King Jr. think now?

Although things may seem intolerable, blacks today should not give up. If King were alive today, he would strive to correct injustices against black people. Many obstacles must be overcome before equality is achieved. With growing unity in the black community, those obstacles may soon become a thing of the past.

"Black people have made gains when it comes to being able to go places now where before they were not allowed to go."

Secret said.

"Then on the other hand, we don't have the economic power to go or live wherever we please."

Secret said King would be concerned with several issues.

"The large percentage of black men in our nation's prisons, the number of blacks that have been tried, convicted and executed and the number of black-on-black crimes are some of the problems Dr. King would fight," Secret said.

These problems haven't been solved.

The struggle of black people has been a long, hard battle, and by no means in vain. Black people should build on the positive aspects of King's dream until it becomes reality.

All black people have reason to feel proud. But for those black people thinking they have it made, a closer look at themselves is needed.

Perhaps you drive a fancy car and live in a big house in a neighborhood far away, not thinking of the sacrifices that were made so you could live the "American dream".

Take a minute to stop and ask yourself what would Martin Luther King Jr. think now? ■

After 21 years, has America 'overcome'?

By JOHN HARRIS

This article contains opinions of the author.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, 1955, a tired, 41-year-old seamstress boarded a bus in Montgomery, Ala.

She had worked a long day. She probably thought only of home and a warm tub of water. She was comfortable on the bus. She was only minutes from home.

However, the events that followed would change the face of the country.

On that day in December, Mrs. Rosa Parks said, "no." Mrs. Parks was arrested for refusing to relinquish her seat to a white male passenger. She was charged with violating the city's segregation ordinances. Her arrest and the subsequent boycott of the bus system, triggered what many history scholars call the beginning of the civil rights movement.

Mrs. Parks' actions led to the emergence of an obscure, well-educated young black minister from Atlanta, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who would become the national spokesman and driving force behind the black communities' effort to gain racial equality.

King would have done well in any profession. He graduated from high school at 15, then immediately entered college. He then received his doctorate degree at a time when it was not fashionable for blacks to be educated.

As a minister, King believed the United States' treatment of blacks was wrong, not only from a socio-political point of view, but from a theological one as well. His constant defiance of "unjust laws" was primarily based on his belief that the laws of God supersede the laws of man.

It is hard to believe King would be only 70 years old this year. To think he accomplished all he did in 39 years is truly amazing.

I wonder what would have happened if he had not been assassinated. Would he have run for president? If so, would he have won? Would he have realized his dream for the black community?

It saddens me that, for all King did for this country, even in death, he still does not get the respect he deserves.

Sure, his birthday has become a national holiday. But, is it really recognized as a national holiday? Is it considered a day when people of this country reflect on the contributions of this great man?

I think not. The university thought so much of King's birthday it was used as a day to begin classes for the spring semester.

Is this respect? Will the university lose that much by starting the semester one day later?

I think not. The day could have been spent commemorating King's ideals. The day could have been used as an opportunity to familiarize people with his legacy. Is this really so much to ask?

It is time this country stopped looking at King's birthday, and all other national holidays, as just days to goof off.

Not everyone gets a national holiday named after them. These are supposed to be our heroes, some of the greatest contributors to our country and the world.

Some people seem to think King died for some abstract, radical, off-the-wall concept. Well, if you call thinking that "all men are created equal" an abstract concept, many people should be considered all of the above.

It is shocking to think this abstract concept was so wild and crazy. Somehow this concept worked its way into the United States Constitution. What were the founding fathers thinking? Were their knickers on too tight, or what?

Frankly, it I'm not surprised this country does not respect King in his death. Why change things now?

King, during the civil rights movement, was labeled a fanatic and a trouble-maker. He was manhandled by the police. His life was threatened daily. The FBI, CIA, and other United States Government spies monitored his every move.

One could say that his life was a living hell. For what?

The right to eat in a public restaurant; to drink from a public water fountain; to ride in the front seat on a public bus and to provide his children with the opportunity for a quality education at a public school. Was this really too much to ask?

In 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize. While others around the world lauded his efforts, King still faced malicious behavior and slanderous comments from people in his own country.

Today, both blacks and whites seem to forget what it took to get us where we are.

The Rosa Parks incident was only 35 years ago. King's assassination was only 22 years ago. If you think about it, that is not a long time.

And believe it or not, nobody has "overcome." Unless you count being overcome by the stench of the rhetoric espoused over the last decade.

Sure, there have been great strides toward educating people about racism and institutionalized second-class citizenship for blacks and other non-majority groups. We have only scratched the surface.



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The recent increase in overt racial incidents across the United States and several disappointing Supreme Court decisions have set this country back those 35 years.

We are far from the point where a person is judged by "the content of their character, not the color of their skin." Day after day we are bombarded with racial incidents.

King gave his life, not only for the black people, but for everyone. There is no need to try to justify why we should honor this man.

King's conviction and commitment to see his dream to the end should be an inspiration to us all.

When the world lost this great man, we all lost. We lost the history he would have made. We lost his mind, his philosophy, his persona, and most of all his vision. A vision, not only of what this country should be, but what it could be. A vision that embraced everyone. A vision of love and nonviolence. A vision that was never meant to hurt anyone.

King set a standard seemingly too high for any of us to reach. However, that does not mean that we should not try. His legacy is one that will live forever. He deserves the proper respect.

Then and Now:

Former UNO student recalls civil rights struggle

BY GREG KOZOL

Harry Eure has encountered this situation before.

"It seems time goes around," said Eure, a counselor for the Urban housing foundation. "I was interviewed by the *Gateway* in 1969. There was a memorial program one year after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated."

Once again Eure, who participated in Omaha's civil rights movement during the 1960s, finds himself talking about the slain civil rights leader.

"I think he (King) influenced me significantly," Eure said. "But so did Malcolm X. They were similar."

Malcolm X was an Omaha-born civil rights leader also assassinated in 1969.

Eure said, although King advocated passive resistance and Malcolm X preached assertive self-determination, their goals were similar.

"They were talking about overcoming in a revolutionary way," Eure said. "In that sense they were very similar. They wanted the best for us as a people."

However, Eure's introduction to the civil rights movement didn't begin with the emergence of King and Malcolm X. It began with his parents.

"My mother was very instrumental in the picketing and demonstrations that occurred in the early '50s for the integration of Tech High School and for their first black teacher," Eure said.

While attending UNO in the 1960s, Eure followed in his parents' footsteps.

"Young people and black people at that time got tired of not being able to go into Walgreens and different stores and sit down at the counter," he said.

Eure pursued King's dream of equality. But the road to civil rights turned violent.

"Prior to Dr. King being assassinated in 1968, I remember when George Wallace (a presidential candidate opposing civil rights) came to the university and spoke at the Civic Auditorium," he said.

About 50 people marched to the Civic Auditorium, Eure said.

"When we got there, it was just havoc. The word was given, and bottles and whatever the people could find were thrown upon us by a crowd of people in the Wallace entourage. There was mace sprayed in our face by the security."

Looking back on the 1960s, Eure has mixed feelings.

"I think we made tremendous gains after the 1960s," Eure said. "We were getting a feel for the American dream, getting a feel for what it meant."

But Eure said the civil rights movement doesn't always move forward.

"Racism is very much alive and well in this country," Eure said. "And overall the system is not working. To many people are hurting."

The Supreme Court's overturning of civil rights legislation in the 1980s shows King's dream hasn't been reached, Eure said.

"Now the barriers and impediments are more invisible, more covert, more institutionalized than the '60s."

Eure, whose son attends UNO, said new solutions are needed for the '90s.

"We are all in this thing together," Eure said. "The problems are not black problems. They are American problems."

After more than 20 years, Eure said a poem he wrote in 1969, one year after the death of Martin Luther King Jr., shows times have not changed.

*A year (or now we say 21 years) have passed.
But tears the same.
Of a black hero slain.
Our fallen black hero
The dreamer of dreams spoke of peace.
Though concern and love has not increased.*

micro-management we said was bad."

Regent Kermit Hansen said a strong board is also needed to lobby the Legislature for funding.

"We've been given an interesting structure," Hansen said. "Let's give it the authority to work."

The regents also expressed concern regarding the cost of the original proposal.

"It looks to me like the structure they propose increases the funding costs," Regent Don Fricke said. "By creating eight boards, it looks like this report is not reducing costs, it's adding costs."

Regents Rosemary Skrupa and Hoch agreed with Fricke.

"There are already two boards (NU Board of Regents and State College Board of Trustees) with budgets over \$200,000,"

Skrupa said.

"The cost of things could be serious," Hoch added. "We can't be all things to all people. There could be a financial problem if everyone does everything under eight boards."

Regent John Payne said the state's current system of higher education should not require much change.

"The way we have done it in the last 20 years is the right way," Payne said. "The only change I would make is to have an 11-member board with representatives from the state colleges."

Martin Massengale, NU interim president, said the board should exercise caution in choosing a system.

"There are many systems of governance of higher education," Massengale said. "Almost any structure will work

with the right people. The question is, 'Which structure best serves the interests of the state?'"

Blank said the regents' position may change after the Legislature addresses the bill Wednesday.

"This is not our final position," Blank said. "It may change in a week to ten days after the bill is introduced to the Legislature."

Despite the proposed change in the NU system, Blank said some things will remain the same.

"UNL has been assured it will be the flagship," Blank said. "The Med Center has been assured it will be the medical school. UNO has been assured it will continue as it is."

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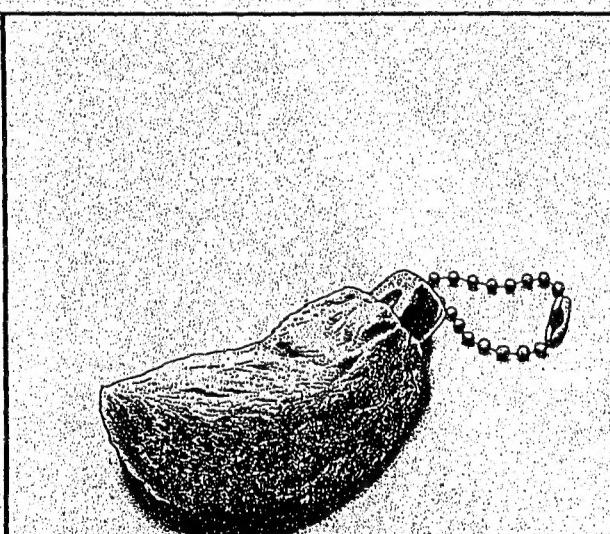
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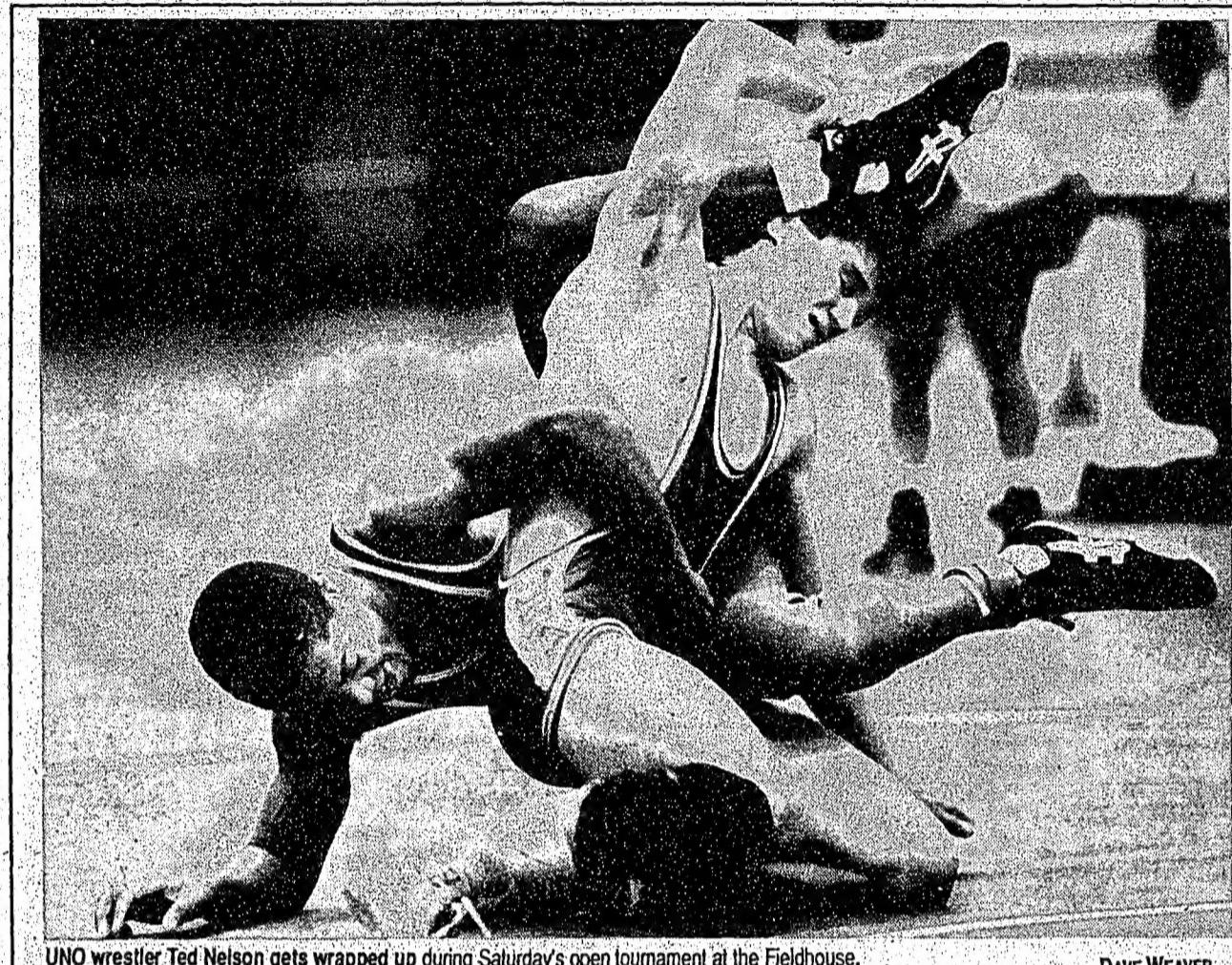
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UNO mat men carry '80s dominance into '90s



UNO wrestler Ted Nelson gets wrapped up during Saturday's open tournament at the Fieldhouse.

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BY DAMON GRAN

The UNO Maverick wrestling team entered the '90s just like they finished the '80s - as a NCAA Division II powerhouse.

UNO continued its wrestling tradition Saturday, bulldozing opponents at the inaugural January UNO Open.

Six UNO wrestlers captured championship titles, including senior Larry Thompson in the 157-163 weight division.

Thompson was also named outstanding wrestler in the over-20 age group after defeating Jim Stapleton of Iowa Central Community College for the championship.

In the championship match, Thompson took the early lead and never let up.

Unfortunately for Stapleton, the match ended before time ran out. Late in the third period, Stapleton was called for an illegal throw. Seconds later, Stapleton executed another illegal move and was disqualified from the match.

Following the ruling, Stapleton attacked Thompson, forcing officials to bar him from further competition.

"I have wrestled this guy once before and beat him by about the same margin (19-6)," Thompson said. "I tried to force him to make mistakes, and when he did, I capitalized on it. Staying in control is the key. My tactics worked, and he was forced to cheat."

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Mavericks learn from loss, salvage split

Larson has career night leading UNO to 8-7 record

BY KAREN SEILER

After losing 88-60 to St. Cloud State Friday night, UNO women's basketball coach Cherri Mankenberg left the memory on video tape.

While traveling to Mankato State Saturday, the Lady Mavs watched their mistakes on video but were told not to "dwell on our loss" to the No. 14 ranked Huskies.

UNO, not only forgot about the loss, but remembered how to win. The Lady Mavs ended a two-game road trip with a 71-61 victory over Mankato State.

The weekend split put the Lady Mavs at 2-3 in the North Central Conference and 8-7 overall.

Friday night, Mankenberg said UNO failed to stick to its game plan, which included containing St. Cloud's top two scorers.

"I knew we would have to play a near perfect game in order to beat St. Cloud State," Mankenberg said. "We played like we were intimidated, and we did not attack their game."

Junior forward Darcy Burns agrees.

"Our intensity was not high, our concentration was low, and we were intimidated by their size," Burns said. "We worked hard, but shots weren't falling."

Senior point guard Tricia Floyd felt St. Cloud State did whatever they wanted to.

"We need to make things happen, instead of letting the other team make things happen," she said. "They have five starters from last year, and that contributed to their win."

However, senior center Laura Larson said the loss was a Lady Maverick advantage.

"We were mad, and we wanted to go out there and beat Mankato State," Larson said. "We went on the court Saturday with our heads up and with that kind of winning attitude."

Mankenberg said the Lady Mavs made a complete turn around Saturday night and was pleased with the Lady Mavs performance.

"We were more matched with Mankato State size-wise," Mankenberg said. "Mankato State defeated Northern Colorado Friday night by 10 points, a team that had beaten us, and they felt pretty confident."

UNO committed only seven turnovers, a Lady Mav record for an away game.

Despite loss, Mavs remain atop NCC

BY TONY FLOTT

UNO men's basketball coach Bob Hanson said no one player is to blame for the 94-69 loss to Mankato State Saturday night.

However, he has his suspicions.

"It's like somebody switched game plans on us," Hanson said. "We wanted to pass well, have patience and get them in foul trouble."

"It turns out that's what they did to us. It was simply our worst game of the year."

The statistics may help explain Hanson's point.

UNO shot 39.7 percent from the field opposed to Mankato State's 60.5 percent, nearly 20 percent better than UNO opponents had been faring.

Mankato State also netted 37 free throws which was 10 more than UNO attempted.

However, rebounding may have hurt the Mavs the most. Mankato State ripped down 42 boards to UNO's 24. Sophomores Phil Cartwright and Trent Neal led UNO with three a piece.

"We shot too quick and didn't pass good enough," Hanson said. "But you can't take anything away from Mankato State, they played good defense also."

Despite ending a four-game win streak, UNO remained the leader in the North Central Conference with a 4-1 record. The Mavericks are 11-3 overall.

Offensively, Neal led UNO with 16 points despite

shooting 5 of 17 from the field. Senior captain Dan Olson, the only other Maverick in double figures, chipped in 10 points.

"Our guys tried. Everyone tried. It was just the state our team was in," Hanson said. "We did have to travel Saturday, but we can't use that as an excuse. Mankato really played well. They did what we expected."

The loss at Mankato State ended a two-game road trip for UNO. Friday night, the Mavs upended NCC opponent St. Cloud State 96-77.

"Realistically, any coach in the league would be happy with a split on the road," Hanson said. "If you can split on the road and win all your home games, you'll be in good shape."

UNO returns home Friday night to play a team the Mavs have not beat in five straight regular season meetings: South Dakota.

"They are very, very good," Hanson said of the Coyotes who return all five starters from last year's 17-15 squad.

Hanson said the 10-3 Coyotes rely on, not only experience, but also the three-point shot.

"Last year we shot 56 percent from the field, 93 percent from the free-throw line, outrebounded them and still got beat," Hanson said. "That's because they made so many three point shots."

"We really have to work on ball movement, showing patience and executing our offense," Hanson said.

Mankenberg said individual efforts from sophomore Lisa Rath and freshman Aimee Noel, Sandy Skradski and Gwen Dalton were also giant steps.

"We need to have people looking to score or to set up a score," Mankenberg said. "We have had drill after drill to get them to understand what we need."

After playing five games in eight days, the Lady Mavs took Monday off before heading back to the practice floor.

"They needed a break from the physical as well as the mental aspects of the game," Mankenberg said.

The Lady Mavs host South Dakota State Friday night. Tip-off is at 6:00 p.m.

In Memory of...a friend

Former Maverick was an All-Pro at life

When an athlete passes away, all too often the media capitalizes on the death for a heart-warming, emotional story.

One month ago, when former UNO football player Brad Beckman died in a traffic accident, the *Omaha World-Herald*, along with other media across the country, ran stories about the Atlanta Falcon tightend.



Beckman
1965-1989

Although I appreciated seeing my former teammate's name splashed all over the paper and television set, I didn't get a chance to try my hand.

Brad was not an angel. He didn't lead a perfect life. But none of us do.

However, Brad lived a life that we could all learn a lesson from. Brad was a pro at enjoying life.

Brad liked to go to the bars. He liked to play games, all sorts of games. Most of all, he liked being with his friends.

He wasn't a cocky person like you might expect someone in the NFL to be. He was aware of his talent, but he didn't abuse it. In fact, after he made it in the pros, it seemed he was even more outgoing in an effort to prove he hadn't changed.

But it wasn't a phony act.

Last fall I did a story on Brad. He couldn't have made

himself more accessible, returning all my calls and talking at length. Although it was his only day off, he wanted to make sure I got a good story.

Brad was a 6-foot-3, 245-pound tightend who dreamed of playing in the NFL. His dream, however, almost didn't come true.

During a fall practice in his senior season, Brad broke his collarbone, forcing Coach Buda to redshirt him.

Ironically, the extra year gave Brad another chance to get noticed by pro scouts.

"If he didn't break his collarbone his senior year, the pros

said Bruce Stuva also one of Brad's closest friends. "He was just a likeable guy. Just as many people knew him before he went to the NFL as did after."

He was also one of the most talented athletes I knew.

Most people imagine pro football players to be mammoths of muscle that eat iron plates for breakfast. Brad definitely was not one of these people.

"When he was in the pros he told me he finally broke the 300-pound bench barrier," Macaitis said.

Most tightends can do that in their sleep. But then again, most tightends couldn't block as well, run as fast, or catch like Brad. He didn't have all the physical attributes, but the ones he did have he used extremely well.

Each year, the top offensive football player for the Mavericks will now receive the "Brad Beckman Award."

"Brad was a quality young man, a leader for us," Coach Sandy Buda said. "We want to keep his memory with us by naming this award for him."

Brad deserves that but he would probably be embarrassed by it.

Brad was not only a good model of a football player but of a person. He knew how to work his butt off, but he also knew how to enjoy the moment at hand.

Although he lived only 25 years, I am certain he enjoyed all of them. His death should make us all take a step back, look at our lives and enjoy each and every moment.

Thanks, Brad.

TONY FLOTT
COLUMNIST

might not have looked at him," said Steve Macaitis who played with Brad at UNO and was one of his closest friends.

"But he really wanted to be in the pros. He could tell you everything about everyone in the league. So he worked himself back."

Brad returned for the 1987 season, was named team captain, and made all-conference. He was then drafted in the seventh round by the Minnesota Vikings, spent a year with the New York Giants before landing a pro contract with the Atlanta Falcons.

"All his friends could care less if he was a pro player or not,"

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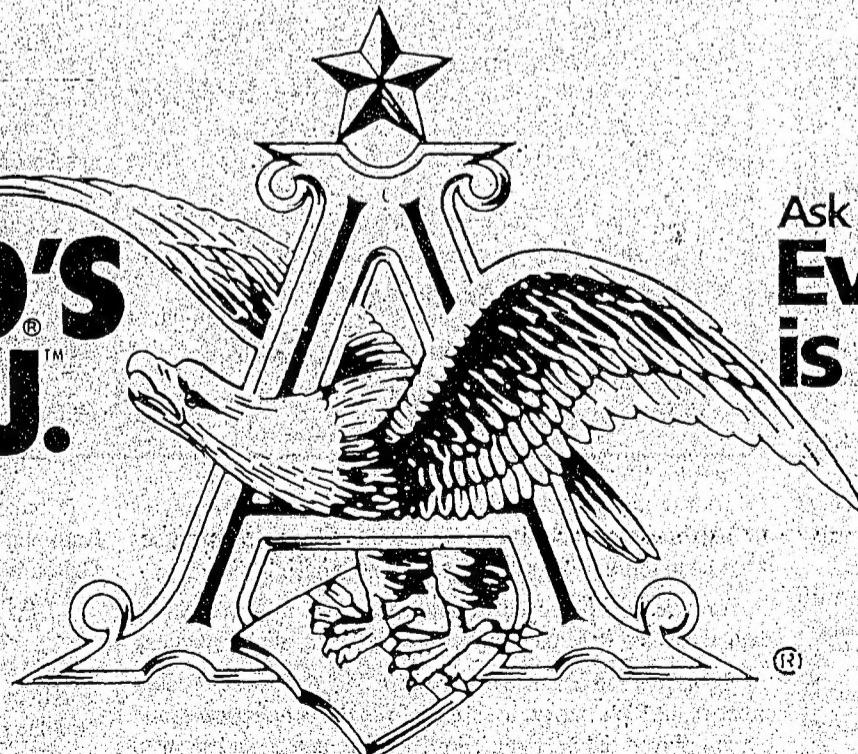


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Also claiming a gold medal was junior Pat Gentzler in the 180-193 weight division. Gentzler received honors in the over-20 age group for the most pins in the least amount of time with two in a total of 6:25.

Gentzler, a junior college transfer from Northwest Wyoming says his progression this season is right in synch with the UNO philosophy.

"I feel I am coming along well this season," said Gentzler who went 4-0 for the day. "I beat Greg Saylor who is one of the best in the conference."

Other championship winners include senior Ron Higdon in the 127-132 division, juniors Mark Passer in 133-139 and Joe Wyp-

iszenski in 178-180. Redshirt junior Jessie Smith rounded out the gold medal winners.

UNO Coach Mike Denney felt the open tournament helped all his wrestlers.

"If team scores were kept, our team would have won by a huge margin," Denney said. "All the guys got to wrestle, and I feel this can really benefit the team heading into conference meets."

The Mavericks, ranked third in NCAA Division II, are 6-0 in dual meets.

"Our guys are wrestling really well as a team unit," Denney said. "This momentum is pointing us in a very positive direction."

The Mavericks began their success in duals this season at the Illinois State Dual Tournamen-

ment in Normal, Ill. Jan. 5 and 6.

The Mav grapplers trounced Eastern Illinois 30-13, Northern Illinois 30-11, Central Missouri State 31-11, and Marquette University 33-10 on the first day of the tournament.

"We dominated the whole tournament by beating three NCAA Division I teams and one Division II team ranked at 15," Denney said.

The next day, the Mavericks kept their dual record unblemished by overpowering No. 10 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville 29-16.

Pat Gentzler and sophomore Dan Radik led the Mavs to victory with quick pins in 2:12 and 1:29, respectively.

Friday night UNO padded their dual win

record by downing 19th ranked University of Northern Colorado 17-15.

Key victories came late with Joe Wypiszenski at 178 decisioning Mike Leberknight 13-2 to pull the Mavs ahead 14-12. Pat Gentzler then downed Jeff Blain 8-7 bringing the team score to 17-12.

UNO heavyweight Jason Franklin avoided the pin by Keith Prior, allowing UNO to maintain their clean dual slate.

"We just didn't wrestle as well as we had been," Denney said. "I was elated that we held on to win."

The next home dual for UNO is against conference foe St. Cloud State Jan. 26 in the Fieldhouse.

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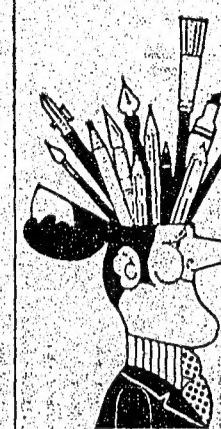
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